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claim the remains, I don't mean that you get the tissue and take it home. That's against the law. This would go through the same procedures as when someone dies at a hospital. A funeral director becomes involved and so forth. So that's what we're talking about, that you can handle this kind of a death in the same way you would handle any other in a hospital environment. I have a little more to say. There were some unexpected complexities that we needed to resolve. That's why we have a committee amendment, and I have one more amendment after that, but I think I'll wait and deal with those when we're on the amendments. And that will conclude my opening. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Jensen, on the committee amendments, please.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of Legislature, the committee amendment replaces the bill, as introduced, and the amendment comes to you as a result of discussions with Senator Maxwell and various interested parties in the Legislature. The bill was advanced unanimously by the this committee amendment. The committee committee with Section 1 amendment has four operative sections. Currently, that section of law requires that Section 71-605. the interment, disinterment or reinterment of a dead human body performed under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director and embalmer. The section makes an exception allowing for the disposition by a hospital of a dead human body of a stillborn infant when requested by the child's parents or quardians. The committee amendment replaces that exception for the hospital disposition with a reference to the new language in Section 4 of the amendment. Section 2 amends references in Section 71-606 to refer to a new language in Section 4 of the amendment. Section 3 amends Section 71-1339 relating to right to control a disposition of human remains. The amendment makes an exception for the disposition of the remains of a child born dead at the hospital, as provided in Section 4 of the amendment. Section 4 contains all new language relating to the disposition of the remains of a child born dead at a hospital. It requires all hospitals licensed in the state of Nebraska to maintain a written policy for the disposition of such remains.